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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 02-55; ET Docket No. 95-18; ET Docket No. 00-258; IB Docket No. 01-185

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 1, Larry Walke and the undersigned met with David Furth, D'Wana Terry and Aaron Goldberger of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Bruce Franca, James Schlichting, Alan Scrime and Jamison Prime of the Office of Engineering and Technology concerning the MSTV-NAB-Nextel BAS Relocation Plan submitted in the above-referenced dockets.

We described the problems with the Commission's existing relocation plan for BAS service and how the relocation plan we proposed with Nextel would address those issues, as well as result in the removal of interference to public safety operations in the 800 MHz band. Specifically, we pointed out that Nextel's agreement – as part of its plan to move to spectrum at 1.9 GHz – to fund the cost of clearing the entire 35 MHz of BAS spectrum that broadcasters will vacate made it possible to develop a relocation plan that minimized the potential for inter-market interference and to avoid stations in any market having to reduce the number of BAS channels. The fact that Nextel – a terrestrial service provider – would be the first mover in clearing the BAS band, as opposed to the satellite first mover that the Commission assumed under the existing plan, made it possible to prevent news service from being disrupted in markets before they are relocated.

The Commission's and the public's interest in both improved public safety services and on-the-spot coverage of news and sports would thus both be served by the MSTV-NAB-Nextel relocation plan. The plan would also benefit the public interest by the speedy clearing of spectrum that will be used for MSS and AWS services, expediting the availability of those services to the public. We stressed that these benefits could only be assured by adoption of the Consensus Plan that would relocate Nextel to spectrum at 1.9 GHz.

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We discussed how the MSTV-NAB-Nextel relocation plan would relate to the entry of MSS services into the band, and pointed out that the proposed timetable for relocation would result in clearing the band before the milestone for service entry by MSS providers. We addressed several other issues concerning the plan and explained the basis of the cost projections MSTV and NAB had filed in Docket 95-18.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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